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SUBJECT: VISIT OF HARVARD CHINA SCHOLARS TO PRC

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1. JIM THOMSON INFORMED US TODAY THAT HARVARD GROUP HAS JUST BEEN ADVISED BY PRCLO THAT CHINESE PEOPLE'S INSTITUTE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS IS UNABLE TO RECEIVE GROUP IN EARLY AUGUST AS SCHEDULED. PRCLO WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE REASON OR INDICATE WHEN VISIT MIGHT TAKE PLACE.

2. THOMSON ASKED IF WE KNEW OF ANY REASON FOR THIS ACTION. DEPTOFF SAID MOST PLAUSIBLE EXPLANATION IS RUMORED PARTY CONGRESS MENTIONED PARA. 2, REF. B. WE WOULD WELCOME ANY FURTHER USLO THOUGHTS WHICH WE COULD PASS TO THOMSON.

3. FYI, WASHINGTON POST TODAY CARRIED AFP DESPATCH FROM PEKING QUOTING "RELIABLE SOURCE" THAT CHINESE HAD ASKED
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SEVERAL JAPANESE DELEGATION TO POSTPONE VISITS ORIGI-

NALLY PROPOSED FOR LATE JULY OR EARLY AUGUST. DESPATCH
SPECULATES LINKAGE WITH PARTY CONGRESS MEETING. ROGERS

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